



## Senate

General Assembly

January Session, 2001

**File No. 633**

Senate Bill No. 1451

*Senate, May 7, 2001*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. CRISCO of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES FOR THE STATE  
ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION, THE STATE ETHICS  
COMMISSION AND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) The chairperson of the State Elections Enforcement  
2       Commission shall review the functions and activities of the  
3       commission in order to assign priority for the continued funding of  
4       such functions and activities and shall submit findings, including any  
5       recommendations for legislation to modify such functions and  
6       activities, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
7       having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the  
8       budgets of state agencies not later than February 20, 2002, and  
9       annually thereafter.

10       Sec. 2. (NEW) The chairperson of the State Ethics Commission shall  
11       review the functions and activities of the commission in order to assign  
12       priority for the continued funding of such functions and activities and

13 shall submit findings, including any recommendations for legislation  
14 to modify such functions and activities, to the joint standing committee  
15 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
16 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies not later than  
17 February 20, 2002, and annually thereafter.

18 Sec. 3. (NEW) The chairperson of the Freedom of Information  
19 Commission shall review the functions and activities of the  
20 commission in order to assign priority for the continued funding of  
21 such functions and activities and shall submit findings, including any  
22 recommendations for legislation to modify such functions and  
23 activities, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
24 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the  
25 budgets of state agencies not later than February 20, 2002, and  
26 annually thereafter.

**APP**      *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Affected Agencies:** State Elections Enforcement Commission,  
State Ethics Commission, Freedom of  
Information Commission

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation****State Impact:**

The bill requires the State Elections Enforcement Commission, the State Ethics Commission and the Freedom of Information Commission to review the functions, activities and cost effectiveness of each agency and report such findings to the General Assembly. It is anticipated that all three agencies can accomplish these reviews within their normal budgetary resources.

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**OFA Bill Analysis**

SB 1451

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**SUMMARY:**

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EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 51      Nay 0